payment has to be made to DCI as per the agreement between DCI and Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Groundnut production in Andhra Pradesh

3803. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in the area and production of Groundnut in Andhra Pradesh over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such a development likely to affect the edible oil sector of the State and the country; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take to encourage Groundnut production in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The figures regarding area and production of groundnut in Andhra Pradesh since 1996-97 are given below:

Year	Area (000 ha.)	Production (000 tonnes)
1996-97	2198.0	2045.5
1997-98	1834.4	1155.8
1998-99	1992.0	2155.0
1999-2000	1792.9	1119.9

The above data indicate that the area and production of groundnut in Andhra Pradesh remained fluctuating on year to year basis depending upon the behaviour of monsoon. Groundnut is generally grown in marginal and sub marginal lands and under rainfed conditions. Drought conditions in the State lead to a decline in the area as well as production.

(c) A Centrally sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP)

is under implementation in the State of Andhra Pradesh for increasing the production of oilseeds including groundnut. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided on various critical inputs like production and distribution of seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhizobium culture and PSB/micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst farmers, frontline demonstrations are organized by the I.C.A.R. Besides, block and integrated pest management demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture. A new component of crash programme for quality seed production of groundnut and soyabean has also been introduced during Ninth Plan. In order to meet the demand of seed during natural calamities, a seed bank programme has also been introduced during the Ninth Plan.

ICDP for coarse cereals and bee keeping in Andhra Pradesh

3804. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the Integrated Crop Development Programme to coarse cereals and bee keeping for the farmers of tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what role is being played by Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Andhra Pradesh has not been covered under the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Cereal's Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals). However, the development of coarse cereals in the State was covered under Integrated Cereal's Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice) during the first three and half years of 9th Plan. Emphasis under the scheme was laid on cropping system approach for the improvement of productivity of cereals crops